

Night Prayer - Daily in Easter

A liturgy to be used at home



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to produce an 8 x A5 page booklet.*

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.

The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33.27

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence follows, for reflection on the past day.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal:
have mercy on us.**

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The following hymn may be said.

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

All praise be yours, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;
Whom, with the Father, we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

Psalmody

From Psalm 104

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows the time for its setting.
- 22 You make darkness that it may be night,
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
- 23 The lions roar for their prey
and seek their food from God.
- 24 The sun rises and they are gone
to lay themselves down in their dens.
- 25 People go forth to their work
and to their labour until the evening.
- 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
- 28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
- 29 All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
- 31 When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture reading

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22.4-5

The following responsory may be said

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen, indeed, alleluia!
as he promised to you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen, indeed, alleluia!
as he promised to you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayers

Prayer about the COVID-19 outbreak

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect

Almighty God,
by triumphing over the powers of darkness
Christ has prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem:
may we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection,
praise him in the eternal city
of which he is the light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As we come to the ending of the day,
let us pray as our Redeemer has taught us:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love.
Amen.